

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Bruno MOUGIN et al.

Application No.: 09/701,243

Filed: December 28, 2000

Docket No.: 107976

For: METHOD FOR AMPLIFYING AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE,
AND PRIMERS USED

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

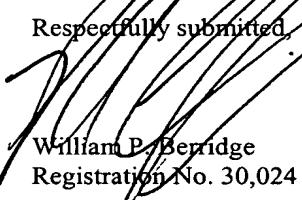
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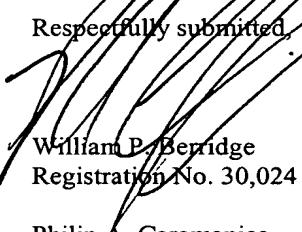
Sir:

The undersigned has received a Patent Office Communication dated February 12, 2003, indicating that the above-captioned patent application is abandoned for failure to respond to a Notification of Defective Response dated November 18, 2002. However, a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment and a Sequence Listing (paper and computer-readable copies) were timely filed with a PCT Transmittal on December 18, 2002, in response to the Notification of Defective Response. Copies of the December 18, 2002 Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, the Sequence Listing (paper and computer-readable copies), the Transmittal Letter and the December 18, 2002 stamped postcard receipt are attached hereto. Entry of these documents on December 18, 2002 should have timely satisfied the requirement for a response to the November 18 Notification of Defective Response. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

As this Petition does not result from any error on the part of the undersigned, it is respectfully submitted that no Petition fee is due. However, please debit Deposit Account No. 15-0461 as needed in order to ensure revival of the application. Please telephone the undersigned if any questions arise in connection with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachments:

Copies of Documents filed December 18, 2002
Copy of December 18, 2002 Stamped Postcard Receipt

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